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SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT: LAO PARTICIPATION

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1. AN OFFICIAL IN THE LAO MFA'S DEPARTMENT OF
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TOLD US MAY 22 THAT THE LPDR'S
PERMANENT UNGA DELEGATION WOULD REPRESENT THE LPDR AT THE
UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT OPENING MAY 23.

2. DURING THE SESSION, LAO DELEGATES PRESUMABLY WILL
VOICE STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE U.S. ENHANCED
RADIATION WEAPON. THE LAO ARE ALSO LIKELY TO CONTINUE
THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. ROLE IN SOUTH KOREA.

3. THE LAO MAY TEMPORIZE SOMEWHAT IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO
THE U.S. BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND U.S. SUPPORT FOR
ASEAN, REFLECTING THEIR SLIGHTLY IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH
ASEAN STATES AND RECENT CHINESE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ASEAN.
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THE LAO ARE, HOWEVER, LIKELY TO CONTINUE THEIR STRONG
ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN,
ESPECIALLY THE U.S. PRESENCE AT DIEGO GARCIA. THEY MAY
ALSO CONDEMN THE U.S. PRESENCE IN SUCH OTHER MAJOR BASES
AS OKINAWA, GUAM, AND GUANTANAMO.

4. THE LPDR ALSO MAY USE THE SSOD FORUM TO REITERATE

ITS SUPPORT FOR THE SRV FORMULA OF IMMEDIATE TALKS FOR
ENDING THE ONGOING VIETNAMESE-KAMPUCHEAN CONFLICT.

5. SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY THAN ANY OF THE ABOVE POSSIBLE
MOVES IS THE CHANCE THAT THE LAO DELEGATION WOULD REPEAT
LAO PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE'S MARCH ACCUSATIONS OF U.S.
INVOLVEMENT WITH ANTI-LPDR FORCES IN LAOS.
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